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My dear [redacted]

Replying to your inquiry regarding the usefulness of the services of the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of CIG to the Research and Intelligence Program of the Department of State, I wish to emphasize that they are of primary importance, as a source of information, to our research analysts. The paramount value of the FBIB Daily Reports, teletype and other FBIB services lies in the speed with which worldwide information on political and economic events and on prominent foreign personalities is made available, as the usefulness of such information is greatly dependent upon its currency.

Other factors which make FBIB services a source of important contributions to our work are that your reports contain basic information not found in other media or which is not accessible to the Foreign Service or other sources, that the screening of foreign broadcasts performed by FBIB provides time-saving selectivity and that your reports frequently include details missing from reports of other sources.

I hope that you will be able to continue and, if possible, expand these valuable informational services.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William A. Eddy,

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